Pechipara Reservoir.

41. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are any underground springs within the water spread area of the Pechipara Reservoir ;

(*b*) if so, how many;

(*c*) whether there was such a spring near the Dam or thereabout;

(*d*) whether these springs have been choked up since the removal of the under sluice at the Dam ; and

(*e*) what provisions are made against the silting up of the Reservoir ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not possible to count.

(*c*) No, as far as is known.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) A belt of forest land is maintained all round the water spread area and denudation of forests in the catchment is also prohibited.

Pechipara Reservoir.

42 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number and names of mountain streams feeding the Pechipara Reservoir ;

(*b*) whether any and which of them has a perennial flow of water ; and

(*c*) whether it is possible by any means to increase the supply of water in these streams ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Three streams Chittar, Kallar and Kodayar and their several tributaries.

(*b*) Yes, all of them, but the flow is scanty during summer and plenty during monsoon.

(*c*) No.

Water Source for Pechipara Reservoir.

43 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have investigated the extent of the forest that would be necessary to ensure sufficient rainfall in the catchment area of the Pechipara Reservoir and of the streams feeding it, so as to keep up the required storage in the Reservoir ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : No ; nor is such investigation feasible or necessary.

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44 * MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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